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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently being examined, of which claim 1 has been amended. No new claims have been added. It is respectfully believed that no new matter has been added.

Before turning to the cited references, a brief review of the present invention is in order. The present invention relates to an auxiliary device module which allows an auxiliary device to be conveniently mounted or installed. The auxiliary device may be a camera 1, for example. The present invention may include a base board 2, a case 3, a connecting portion 5e' provided in the case 3 and including cable 4a, a plurality of wire fixing portions 6h hugging the cable 4a, with the wire fixing portions 6h extending upwardly from pre-formed pressure contact receiving grooves 6b. Wire fixing portions 6h are shown hugging cable 4a in FIG. 6, for example.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over USP 6,079,848 (**Ahroni**) in view of USP 5,675,890 (**Yamamoto**).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Ahroni describes a lamp unit with a push-in type bulb holder, and a light set that has multiple light units mounted on a multi-wire insulated cord, each light unit comprising a plastic

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push-in lamp holder. This reference uses portions 28c that bite into plastic of a wall. **Ahroni** does not describe wire fixing portions which extend upwardly from pre-formed pressure contact receiving grooves and which hug a wire.

Yamamoto describes a method of press-connecting electrical wires to a connector and cutting waste end portions of the wires within the connector housing. This reference describes protrusions 99, 101, and 103, wall 65, and blade 43. **Yamamoto** does not describe wire fixing portions which extend upwardly from pre-formed pressure contact receiving grooves and which hug a wire.

Ahroni and **Yamamoto**, alone or in combination, do not describe, teach, or suggest the features set forth in claim 1, as amended, of “a connecting portion provided in said case and including at least one wire; and a plurality of wire fixing portions hugging the at least one wire; ... wherein positioning portions having a plurality of pressure contact receiving grooves each being pre-formed with complimentary shape as the predetermined shape of each of the pair of leading pressure contact blades so as to accommodate each of the pair of leading pressure contact blades; and wherein said wire fixing portions extend upwardly from the receiving grooves” in combination with the other claimed features.

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Furthermore, it would not be obvious to modify **Ahroni** and **Yamamoto**, alone or in combination, so as to include the above features of claim 1, as amended.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 4-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over **Ahroni** in view of **Yamamoto** and alleged “Admitted Prior Art”.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner states that **Ahroni** “does not disclose the auxiliary being a camera module”. The Examiner relies on alleged “Admitted Prior Art” (APA) and suggests that the APA “teaches a camera module as an auxiliary device”. However, even if the Examiner’s proposed combination of **Ahroni** and **Yamamoto** were to be modified by adding a camera module thereto, such a modified combination would not describe, teach, or suggest the features set forth in claim 1, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-6 are allowable for the reasons given above with reference to claim 1, as amended.

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Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for a telephone conference to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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